

**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006 requesting additional information under 37 CFR 1.105, Applicant respectfully submits the following:

The Aigner et al. abstract relates to a poster presentation (not slides) at the annual meeting of AACR in 1999. Dr. Anton Wellstein, the named inventor for the instant application, recalls that the poster did not include any information that went beyond the content of the Aigner et al. abstract, because he and his colleagues did not want to be scooped scientifically by their competitors by revealing any information beyond what was in the abstract. In addition, the postdoctoral fellow who presented the poster knew not to reveal anything beyond the data on the poster to protect the findings that had not yet been published in a regular paper. Dr. Anton Wellstein also informed the undersigned that his group did not keep posters after the presentations and usually left the posters at the meeting place to be disposed by the organizers. Unfortunately, no electronic copy of the poster in question is available.

Further, a regular paper containing much more detailed information than the Aigner et al. abstract was published in 2001, two years after the AACR meeting. Applicant already submitted that regular paper, Stoica et al. (JBC, 2001), as item 45 in the SB/08 form of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 16, 2005. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant attaches hereto a copy of the Stoica et al. publication.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Please charge any further fees or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 18-1945 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw, under order no. 102728-P01-004.

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